

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

A cassette holder for the selected loading of a large and a or small cassette ~~to be selectively loaded~~. ~~An upper surface of a frame is a part of a bottom surface of a cassette opening having a size fitting the large cassette, through which the large or the small cassette is to be loaded~~. A pair of positioning-restriction elements is provided inside the cassette holder ~~when viewed from the opening provided on the front panel~~. ~~The~~ at a distance between ~~the restriction elements has a width~~ enough for the small cassette to be loaded therebetween ~~to a predetermined position in the cassette holder~~. A cassette detector detects the large cassette when ~~this cassette~~ it is loaded through the cassette opening. ~~At least a part of the cassette detector is positioned so that it is closer to a front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements are when viewed from the cassette opening~~. A drive mechanism moves the restriction elements from positions ~~at which the restriction elements allow~~ allowing the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to other positions ~~at which~~ where the restriction elements ~~do not obstruct~~ allow the large cassette to be loaded, ~~when the cassette detector detects the large cassette~~. A pair of flaps is positioned so that each flap is closer to the front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements are ~~when viewed from the cassette opening~~. The distance between the flaps ~~has a width enough for~~ allows the small cassette to be loaded therebetween ~~to the predetermined position in the cassette holder~~. The flaps are opened ~~to allow~~ so the large cassette to can be loaded ~~when the flaps are pushed by the large cassette whereas~~ and they are engaged with the restriction elements to obstruct the small cassette ~~to be~~ from being loaded when at least either of the flaps is pushed by the small cassette.